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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMB SCALI'S STATEMENT TO GENERAL
ASSEMBLY CONCERNING SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS:

MY DEL FINDS THE POLICY OF APARTHEID AN ILLEGAL AND
OBNOXIOUS VIOLATION OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS. IT IS AS
CONTRARY TO THAT FOR WHICH MY GOVT STANDS AS IT IS TO THAT
FOR WHICH THE UN STANDS.

WE UNDERSTAND WHY MANY SEEK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSERT
THEIR MORAL OUTRAGE AT THIS HEINOUS POLICY. WE, FOR OUR PART,
#923;34, DO NOT BELIEVE THE QUESTION OF CREDENTIALS WAS
AN APPROPRIATE ONE FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING
THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY
GENERAL IS CLEARLY TO INSURE THAT THE INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING
STATES IN THIS BODY HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO DO SO BY THE GOVT
OF THE COUNTRY THEY ARE HERE TO REPRESENT.

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THE POLICIES OF THOSE GOVTS ARE NOT A LEGITIMATE CONSIDERATION IN THIS CONTEXT. THERE ARE OTHER TIMES AND OTHER CONTEXTS IN WHICH THEY MAY BE. BUT WHAT IS UNQUESTIONABLY TRUE IS THAT HERE THEY ARE NOT. NO ONE CAN REASONABLY ARGUE WITH THE FACTS THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS A MEMBER OF THE UN, THAT THE GOVT WHICH HAS SENT REPS TO THIS ASSEMBLY IS INDEED THE GOVT IN POWER IN THAT COUNTRY, THAT AN APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL OF THAT COUNTRY SIGNED THE NECESSARY CREDENTIAL DOCUMENTS AND THAT THEY WERE SUBMITTED IN A PROPER, TIMELY WAY.

SINCE WE DO NOT REGARD THIS AS THE APPROPRIATE ITEM FOR EXPRESSING THE ASSEMBLY'S VIEWS ON THE POLICY OF APARTHEID OR THE REPS NATURE OF THE GOVT OF SOUTH AFRICA OR OTHER MEMBERS WHO DO NOT ELECT GOVTS BY UNIVERSAL, FREE ELECTIONS, OUR VOTE AGAINST THIS REPORT DOES NOT DIMINISH OUR OPPOSITION TO THESE UNFORTUNATE PRACTICES.

MY DEL ABSTAINED ON THE RES SENDING THIS MATTER TO THE SC. THE PREAMBULAR PARA CONTAINED STATEMENTS OF UNDENIABLE AND TRAGIC ACCURACY. AS I SAID, THE POLICY OF APARTHEID WE BELIEVE IS ILLEGAL, IMMORAL AND FUNDAMENTALLY REPUGNANT. IT IS THE OBLIGATION OF THE UN TO BE CONCERNED AND TO SEEK TO TAKE STEPS TO ELIMINATE SUCH OUTRAGES. WE ARE NOT CONVINCED HOWEVER, THAT THE SC IS THE APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR DISCUSSING SUCH ISSUES. FOR THIS REASON WE DID NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO CAST A POSITIVE VOTE. SINCE OTHERS WISHED TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION IN THE SC AND WE FAVOR WHEREVER LEGALLY POSSI L THE RIGHT OF ALL MEMBERS TO STATE THEIR VIEWS IN THE FORUM OF THEIR CHOICE WE DID NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE FOR US TO CAST A NEGATIVE VOTE. SINCE WE WERE NEITHER IN A POSITION TO VOTE IN FAVOR NOR OF A MIND TO OPPOSE, WE HAVE ABSTAINED. OF COURSE, OUR ABSTENTION IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE POSITION MY GOVT WILL TAKE IN SC WHEN THIS MATTER IS DISCUSSED THERE.

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